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Dear Professor Meselson:

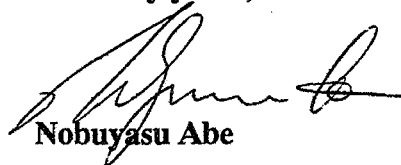
As one who is involved with the negotiations of a biological weapons verification protocol, I read with interest your article "Holding Saddam personally accountable for his chemical weaponry." As any multilateral verification regime especially one on biological weapons may have a limited capability to uncover clandestine biological activities, I am becoming to think that criminalization of biological offenses may be an important means to deter offenses involving biological weapons.

When I went to Washington after Boston, reactions to the idea of international criminalization was mixed. While many acknowledged the value of it as a deterrent, some shied away from the possibility of submitting American citizens or soldiers to any international criminal court.

I had a very useful discussion with Dr. Chevrier on various aspects of biological weapons prevention.

Please be good enough to keep me posted.

Sincerely yours,


Nobuyasu Abe